

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes**

**Wednesday
July 19, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. The District VI Council member, Sharon Fearey led the meeting with eight (8) District Advisory Board members in attendance. Eight (8) city staff were present and six (6) members of the public.

Members Present

C. Bickley Foster
Rosalie Bradley
John VanWalleghen
Bob Wine
Marsha Carr
Linda Matney
Charlie Claycomb
Sandra Whittington

Members Absent

Bob Schreck
Jaya Escobar
Veronica Triana
Carol Skaff

Staff Present

Mark Stanberry, Housing
Dale Miller, Planning
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Brandon Kauffman, Finance
Jay Newton, Finance
Mark Manning, Finance
Patrick Mallard, Park & Rec.
Cynthia Berner, Library

Guests

Listed at end

Call to Order

Councilmember Sharon Fearey called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. DAB Members were asked to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 5, 2006 were approved with amendments (**Carr/Wine 8-0**)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted (**Whittington/VanWalleghen 8-0**)

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items-** No items were submitted
2. **Off-agenda items-** No items were submitted

Staff Presentations

3. **Community Police Report**

Patrol West Officer Mallard- Beat 14 introduced himself as a new community police officer stating he has been an officer for 10 years. *Mallard* gave a brief report on the crime statistics in Patrol West noting there had been no drive by's for May or June. Auto thefts, larcenies, non-

residential and residential burglaries are increased. There was a home invasion in the 800 block of Spaulding where the owner was taken out of the home to withdraw money from an ATM. Officers are continuing to monitor Sims Park with few arrests. On July 28th – 29th there will be a Health Fair at the extension office at 21st and Ridge to benefit people with disabilities. National Night Out will have a kick off at Delano near the clock tower with a cookout. Everyone needs to come and enjoy the evening on August 1st. We will also be hosting a Public Safety awareness at Towne West. Beat 14 we found a residence running an identify theft headquarters and recovered 100 used documents. A federal warrant has been issued for the person who lives there.

Patrol South Officer Schwindale- Downtown area 21- 22 Beats. We continue to see some burglaries at construction sites and tire slashing downtown in the parking areas. Some downtown parks continue with vagrancies and tagging by adults. OCI department is working to keep the area cleaned up. **Member Carr** asked if the taggers ever have to clean-up the areas they mark? Response was not sure.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

4. Library Master Plan Updating

Cynthia Berner, Library Director, presented the revised Library Master Plan as a potential option to update the current plan, created in 1999. Changes in the community have caused some of the original planning assumptions to become outdated. *Berner* continued that in the original plan the Westlink and Rockwell Libraries were to be expanded but that has not been done yet. The plan is to make libraries more visible to the community and by phone surveying 500 residents we found out people would prefer to have a larger full service library even if they had to drive out of their area to get there.

DAB members comments included: 1)I thought the downtown library was built so you could add another level to it; 2) I have a big concern about consolidations of smaller libraries; 3) the Orchard Park area only has the downtown library as an option for use and there is a big parking problem downtown; 4) what about the loss of library reference material, how are you going to get it back and 5) where are libraries considered in the new budget. All comments were responded to.

Member Bradley said her neighborhood association asked her to recommended to the DAB to not allow closure of small libraries. **Council Member Fearey** also commented that Cathy Landwher and Jerry Layman were her appointees to the Library board if anyone wanted to visit with them about the updates.

Delora Donovan resident of North Riverside association asked if the Library is working with the Transit department to assist people to get to the Library? *Berner* responded that they are working with transit.

***** **Action:** Provided comment on update of Library Master plan.

5. Budget Review

Jay Newton and Brandon Kauffman Finance staff presented on the development of the 2007-2008 City Manager's proposed budget aimed at impacting the five core goals that were adopted by the City Council. They explained the goals are safe and secure community, promoting economic vitality and affordable living, ensuring efficient infrastructure, enhancing quality of life and supporting dynamic core area and vibrant neighborhoods. In addition to the goals, City

Council has also directed the budget maintain reserves of at least 10%, include a one mill funding for cultural arts and no mill levy rate increase. *Kauffman* then discussed the budget highlights based on each goal and the report card to evaluate services. *Newton* explained the budget information couldn't be fully provided until the county gives their evaluation (assessed value) of the property tax to the city.

DAB member inquiries/comments *(responses in italics)*

- If part of the funding for more firemen is coming from a competing grant, how much money will the city need to match? *The match would be 20%.*
- Will there be a reduction of the number of School Resource Officers? *Yes by six officers but they will work on the beats.*
- Are the five goals prioritized? *No, they are considered equal in weight.*
- When a staff vacancy occurs there is a problem with the system as it takes a long time to fill the position. Positions need to be filled quicker. *We have looked at planned savings such as when a person leaves/retires and the new position is filled it comes in at a lower wage.*
- Concern about our bus transportation system, if a route is eliminated will that increase other route times.
- Is it possible to get quotes from other cities about less priced cameras in police cars.
- Where is the library budget located?
- Community Education, what do they do? We need to have a better explanation of what something is.
- Does the city have to ask WABA when building anything? Why do we have an agreement with them? *20% of the funding is allowed to go back to neighborhoods.*
- I'm against turning Century II over to another management group. **Council Member Fearey** explained this is a policy question including the Symphony, Opera and Century II. We need to look at what a private manager organization could do for us.
- I'm not pleased with what the City Manager has given us. Amenities needed in communities have to be free and not on a profit loss basis.
- Noted under Economic Vitality the amount of money to try and bring business to Wichita is not very much. This needs to be broken down so people can understand better. The City needs to do a better job of marketing Wichita.
- When will DAB comments get to the City Council?
- Is assessed value noted in the budget book?

Council Member Fearey finished with if anyone had corrections for budget please send to Terri

*******Recommended Action:** Provided comments

Planning

6. **CON2006-00027**

The District VI Advisory Board considered a Conditional use request for a 150-foot wireless communication facility at the corner of 29th and Porter (1325 W. 29th St. N) previously heard at the May 1, 2006 DAB meeting. *Dale Miller, Planner* presented a brief case background and answered questions of members.

Greg Ferris, agent stated 1) the applicant is receiving customer complaints of poor connection in

the area and wants to serve them by having better coverage; 2) The cell tower placed in this area would allow for better coverage; 3) believes this tower meets the criteria of the wireless master plan; 4) would be agreeable to have the tower only at 120 ft and 5) this is a great site because it is wooded and you would not be able to see the tower.

Lester McGuire, resident neighbor of proposed cell tower submitted a protest petition to the Planning department staff with 53 signatures from the area neighborhood and asked the District VI Advisory Board to not recommend approval of the request.

DAB members' inquiries/comments included; 1) if there were any simulated photos of wintertime showing the cell tower when there are no leaves on the trees; cell towers with ice is not good to have and Price-Harris school neighbors did not want cell towers and I believe they achieved not getting one for the area.

******* Action:** Motion to recommend denial of Conditional Use request due to staff recommendation and neighborhood opposition (**VanWalleghen/Carr 6-2 Matney/Foster**).

7. **Request for Resolution of Support for Application for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (Richmond Place)**

Mark Stanberry, Housing Staff discussed the Request for Resolution of Support for Application for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. The Richmond Place would be serving a special needs population and the developer agrees to comply with all requirements to receive the tax credit support.

Ron Pasmore, KETCH agency stated this organization has been serving needs for 42 years and was developed by a special needs couple who had no children. The challenges for this agency are the residents are very poor who live off of SSI funds which funds services but not housing; the housing has to be ADA accessible and there is a waiting list of 600 people.

Member Matney asked if these homes would have basements, an elevator and what would the transportation be? *Pasmore* said the homes would be built on slabs and allow for wheel chairs, KETCH has their own transit services but are located close to bus routes. **Member Whittington** asked what the surrounding neighborhood was like? *There are multifamily apartments and some vacant lots.* Any other organizations like this one in this area? *No*

*******Action:** Motion to recommend approval of the adoption of a resolution of support for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Application, with a waiver of the 20% market-rate unit requirement. (**Foster/ Carr 8-0**)

BOARD AGENDA

8. **Problem Properties**

- **Members Carr and Bradley** submitted complaints from e-mails they had received.
- At the Southeast corner of Pine/Broadway there is a yard sale going on all the time. Furniture is always outside.
- **Benjamin Hills** is handling their neighborhood problem properties by contacting the homeowners with polite letters/phone calls letting them know of the city ordinances. We seem to be seeing some success with this process.
- Riverside has started putting city ordinances in their newsletter and this seems to be effective.

- The old Braum's ice cream store has turned into a used car lot.
- 21st/ Arkansas needs to be mowed.

*******Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

9. **Neighborhood Reports**

Riverside - Aug. 8th will have their annual Ice Cream Social at Sim Park starting at 7 p.m.

I-235 KDOT meeting July 20th

Connect with Community meeting - July 20th

National Night Out – August 1 for block parties – make sure you get registered

MAPC organization meeting - August 1 at 7 pm in Minisa Park. Discussion will include bike paths.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

Updates from Council Member Fearey

September DAB- will be on Wednesday the 20th due to the Labor Day holiday

DAB reappointments- Please let me know if you don't want to continue to assist on the DAB so I can fill any vacancies or reappoint members.

Monthly Breakfast held on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Broadview at 9 am. -

Wal-Mart case at 53rd and Meridian has been deferred for two weeks but gives me a chance to meet again with the developer to discuss some changes. I will take suggestions at the breakfast.

Mullen Court Tax Credit an agreement has been made and will be coming soon to City Council.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Guests

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Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant